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TROSLEY COUNTRY PARK (TROTTCISLIFFE) NEAR WROTHAM, KENT.—Entomologists may be interested to know that the 160 acres of woodland and downs south of Vigo Village has been a County Council Country Park since 1976. As an area of national importance biologically (Nature Conservancy S.S.S.I. Grade 1) the Council is keen to receive past records and observations which may be of use in formulating a management plan that will help to conserve the natural history interest of the Park. If you can help, please write to the County Estates Officer and Valuer, Springfield, Maidstone. If you wish to collect specimens or are organising a group visit, would you please first contact the above address.—N. F. HEAL, Fosters, Detling Hill, near Maidstone, Kent.

THE CLOUDED SILVER (BAPTA TEMERATA HUBN.) IN OCTOBER.—A fresh specimen of *B. temerata* Hubn. came to the m.v. light in my garden on 24th October 1978. Presumably this must be the result of our unusual weather this year. Today, 27th November, I have a group of purple and white spring crocus and a *Narcissus bulbocodium conspicuus* in full bloom.—J. A. C. GREENWOOD, Hambleton House, Rogate, West Sussex.